

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – August 19, 2014 6:30 p.m.
At the Barnes Town Hall**

(UNAPPROVED)

The Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to Order at 6:33pm. Roll Call had been done and a Quorum established at the meeting preceding the monthly meeting. Public notice was verified by Town Clerk, Bakke.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.

Motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the 7/15/2014, 8/1/2014 and 8/11/2014 Board Meetings and dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda –

- Carol LeBreck questions agenda item #9 stating the map shows the land as municipal.

Motion was made (Porter/Bohl) to approve the July vouchers. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

The July Treasurer's Report was read by Bakke.

Motion was made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the July Treasurer's report. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Forestry notices were read by Bakke.

Bakke brings forth a request from BAHA regarding space on the town website. Discussion between boards member ensued.

Motion was made (Porter/Bohl) to open the floor for discussion of same. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

- Carol LeBreck said she thinks what BAHA wants is to have the new museum, displays, requests for family histories, and fund raising events like Rib Fest in October on the town website.

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to close the floor. Roll call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.

No decisions were made on this matter.

Highway Dept. – Bob Lange presents the Monthly Highway Department report. Lang reports brushing of the roads will continue as it is necessary. Locations will be communicated through the Monthly report, which is also printed in The Blog.

Fire & Ambulance Department Report presented by Tom Renz. The old ambulance is being listed on the state auction website with a minimum bid of \$9000. Renz requests a meeting regarding EMS Department policies and enforcement.

The Constable's Monthly Report was read by Tom Krob for Mike O'Keefe.

The Aquatic Invasive Species Committee report was given by Ingemar Ekstrom. Carl Heltne has joined the A.I.S.C. Ekstrom states Island Lake and Robinson Lake will meet the 200 volunteer hours necessary for the grant. A Hydraulic Conveyor System would help divers pick Milfoil and other aquatic invasive species cleanly and efficiently. The Friends of Eau Claire Lakes may spend some of their money to help with this expense. A workshop will be held Monday, August 25th for shoreline monitors at the town hall. Ekstrom will be resigning as chair of the AISC but will participate as a committee member. The first AISC meeting of 2015 will be held on February 15, 2015.

Building Maintenance Committee chair, Mike Tremblay, reports that the new office building progress is on schedule. Materials have been picked out and ordered. The budget is being updated and monitored on an ongoing basis. Greg Martin is working with the electrical contractor. The work is of good quality and appears to be done correctly.

Land Use and Planning Commission chair, Gen Ratzel, reports the Commission recommends approval of Don Hamm's special use permit application for 50340 Outlet Bay Rd. to replace walkways and retaining walls. The project has been reviewed and approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve according to conditions set by the DNR.

The Land Use Planning Commission has tabled the changes to the Parks and Recreation portion of the Land Use Plan for Barnes pending more information and a meeting with Donna Porter and Bruce Hanson.

Parks and Recreation reports the condition of the tennis courts needs further investigation.

Bruce Hanson is finding someone to a professional to look at the tennis courts.

Discussion of parade issues that occurred:

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to open the floor for input. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

- Mike Gorton - there is a problem with spectators using regular balloons as water balloons
- Melissa Driscoll – says she can let the floats know that we are not allowing water balloons at the parade
- Mike Gorton – expresses a concern about little children running up into the road
- Susan Pagnucci – brings up insurance concerns if a child is hit in the eye and goes blind or other innocent bystanders get injured
- Melissa Driscoll – suggests we have an area for water balloon fights after the parade is over
- Susan Pagnucci – states certain people were targeted to be hit over and over
- Ingemar Ekstrom – suggests sound system at the front of the parade give recommendations to spectators

- Melissa Driscoll – thinks a lot of it is the kids. Could try a dry zone or banning water balloons. Floats people want to preserve get wrecked. Lots of the water balloon participants are not here all year to hear our concerns.
- Gene Ratzel – suggests we have the Constable go in front of the parade and announce no water balloons are allowed
- Mike Tremblay – states people are going to have to police their kids and the people next to them
- Loren Bohl – we should start educating people now
- Julie Bohl – states she has family who come for the water and have fun. People need to be respectful. States she is for getting rid of the water balloons because they can't be controlled
- Melissa Driscoll – suggests moving the judges table further towards the beginning of the parade, having a dry zone before the judging area and getting the word out for no water balloons
- Tom Renz – states citations could be issued for disorderly conduct
- Mike Gorton – thinks people did not intentionally hurt someone else
- Other suggestions included signs saying no water balloons due to injuries caused last year, putting a note in the (property) tax letter, and putting it in The Blog

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to close the floor. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Krob asks if the Board wanted to make a motion regarding the water balloons. The board will work with the Parade Committee to come up with ideas to improve the situation.

Halloween idea of holding Trunk or Treat in the town park is suggested. People wishing to participate should come to the park with candy in their trunk to create a place for kids to trick or treat. People are needed to participate and bring candy on Friday, October 31st.

Transfer Site Committee recommends uniform hours of 8:00am – noon Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during the summer, and the same hours on Wednesday and Sundays during the winter.

Motion made (Krob/Emerson) to open the floor for discussion. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes.

Susan Pagnucci says travelers want earlier hours on Sunday.

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) to close the floor. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

The compactor needs repair. It has been malfunctioning for at least 15 years. A company from Madison, WI would come to do repairs at a cost of \$750 for travel, and \$75 per hour for labor. Bids have been received from Allied waste and JWR for a new compactor. JWR offered the best bid at \$22,266.43 for a 6055 unit. Money will need to be budgeted in 2015 for this expense. Gene Ratzel suggests we install the JWR 6055 now and pay for it after the beginning of next year.

The recycling ordinance is being reviewed for revisions at this time, and changes made as the committee comes up with improvements. The Recyclable Items List defines what is considered recyclable by our current waste carrier. Lists are available at the Transfer Site and the Town Hall.

We will be advertising for waste removal bids for 2015, and bids from Allied Waste and Waste Management will be requested.

Fall Clean Up/Cabin Clean Up discussion. Paul Mueller expresses concern over clarifying what is meant by “free.” Melissa states that business owners thought this may be a good way to get people in town to do something. Information will be emailed to Melissa regarding the recycling/chemical/appliance dumping in surrounding towns. Mike Gorton suggests the town wait until spring when we have the new compactor to have the cleanup day. Tom Emerson talks about the town’s expense for getting rid of TV’s of \$520.

Tourism Committee – Tom Krob reports MaryAnn Lippert, from Bayfield County Tourism, is willing to work with Barnes to get the ATV trails open again.

Canoe Race – committee is considering different ideas. They are working on getting permission from land owners where needed. They are also considering some smaller races as part of the event.

Discussion of Town owned Land - PJ Foat reports the first step to opening up the town’s options for use of the land is to get it re-zoned as municipal. The application is pretty simple. If the town would decide to put in a campground there are grants available through the DNR. The DNR would pay 80% and the town would be responsible for 20% of the cost. No decision to put in a campground has been made as of yet. Bob Lang would like to see more town parcels be re-zoned municipal. He states all parcels can be included on one application. The cost is thought to be \$250.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) to start the process to re-zone town owned land parcels to change to being zoned municipal by Pat Foat, Jr. Roll call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Tomahawk Park is being cleaned for 2 hours per week.

Little Free Library – Susan Pagnucci presents a Little Free Library made by her husband, Franco, and herself for the town. Susan requests Bob Lang mount the Little Free Library on a post and install it in front of the town hall. The Little Free Library is for exchanging books, “bring a book and borrow a book.” Susan says she will maintain the Little Free Library.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) to accept the gift of the Little Free Library and allow Bob Lang to find a location for it and place it. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Pickerel Lake – The DNR has communicated they will put up signs at the Pickerel Lake boat landing. It is a DNR landing and their responsibility to do so.

Upper Eau Claire Boat landing – Bob Lang has ordered new signs for this landing and is awaiting their delivery. Lang questions whether getting bumpers for the dock is the town’s responsibility or the Conservation Club. The dock quote should be checked to see if bumpers were to be included.

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to adjourn the Monthly Board meeting. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.